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Jillanne and Joshua Mencil Sentenced for Summer 2016 Kidnapping

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, May 31st, New York State Supreme Court Judge Alex Renzi sentenced 30-year old Joshua Mencil to 16 years to life in the Department of Corrections for his conviction for two counts of Kidnapping in the 1st degree, Coercion in the 1st degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 1st degree, and Assault in the 3rd degree. 47-year old Jillanne Mencil was sentenced to 17 years in the Department of Corrections and 5 years Post Release Supervision after her plea to Kidnapping in the 2nd degree.

In June and July of 2016, the defendants kept a 24-year old pregnant woman inside the home at 47 Santee Street in the City of Rochester. During that time, the defendants repeatedly assaulted and threatened the victim. The abuse culminated in her imprisonment in an alarmed room where they continued to subject her to physical and mental abuse. She was ultimately rescued by the Rochester Police Department who were directed to the house after an anonymous 911 call. Investigators later discovered an alarm on the door and audio tapes detailing the abuse of the victim.

Joshua Mencil was convicted after a Jury Trial on April 19th and Jillianne Mencil pled shortly thereafter. After his plea to Kidnapping in the 2nd degree, William Geer, the third co-defendant, was sentenced to 6 years in the Department of Corrections and 5 years Post Release Supervision.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Eleanor Biggers and Monica O'Brien, both of the Special Victims Trial Division.

“What this victim went through will affect her for the rest of her life. Her bravery over these past months gives me hope for her future. No one should have to endure the inhumanities she suffered. The sentences imposed by Judge Renzi reflect the bizarre and horrific nature of this case,” said Senior Assistant District Attorney Eleanor Biggers. “The nature of this offense led to a detailed and thorough investigation by the Rochester Police Department. These convictions and sentences would not have been possible without their tireless work and dedication. This result is directly attributable to the exemplary work of Investigators James Castillo, Ryan Beyea, and the late Investigator Nolan Wengert.”

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